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SUBJ: PREPARATIONS FOR 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO
CONFERENCE (WARC) - PROPOSED VISITS

REF: STATE A-1853 OF APRIL 25, 1977.

1. REFAIR PROVIDED BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND STATUS OF
U.S. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1979 WARC. SINCE THAT TIME THE
DEPARTMENT AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES HAVE CARRIED OUT
A SIGNIFICANT NATIONAL EFFORT TO DEVELOP PRELIMINARY
POSITIONS ON ISSUES TO BE TREATED AT THE CONFERENCE. PART
OF THE U.S. PREPARATION HAS BEEN TO MEET WITH AS MANY
COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE TO HOLD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE
WARC (ABOUT 35 HAVE BEEN VISITED ALREADY).

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2. THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO SEND A SMALL TEAM TO VISIT
COPENHAGEN AND OSLO DURING THE PERIOD 5-8 SEPTEMBER. IN
EACH CITY AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF U.S. TEAM KNOWS THE
FOREIGN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICIAL(S) VERY WELL. ALSO
THE SUGGESTED CONTACT HAS BEEN ALERTED IN ADVANCE TO U.S.
DESIRE TO VISIT FOR WARC DISCUSSIONS DURING THIS APPROX-

MATE TIME PERIOD. BOTH THE U.S. TEAM MEMBERS AND (SOME OF) THE FOREIGN OFFICIALS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A NATO RADIO FREQUENCY AGENCY MEETING IN BRUSSELS SEPTEMBER 12-14.

3. THE U.S. TEAM MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. LAWRENCE M. PALMER, INTERNATIONAL AND OPERATIONS DIVISION, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION - TEAM LEADER;

B. HAROLD KIMBALL, COMMUNICATIONS AND FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION;

C. LEWIS BRADLEY, NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (SUCCESSION AGENCY TO PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY); AND

D. EMBASSY OFFICER(S) AS DESIRED.

4. IT IS PROPOSED THAT A FULL DAY OF DISCUSSIONS BE HELD IN EACH CITY, ON SEPTEMBER 5 OR 6 IN COPENHAGEN AND SEPTEMBER 8 IN OSLO. MAJOR DISCUSSION ITEM WILL BE THE INTERNATIONAL TABLE OF FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS, HOWEVER U.S. TEAM IS ALSO INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING OTHER CHANGES TO THE RADIO REGULATIONS (E.G., TECHNICAL AND PROCEDURAL), AS WELL AS GENERAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION, PLANNING FOR FUTURE CONFERENCES AND THIRD WORLD FACTORS AT THE WARC.

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5. FOR COPENHAGEN: CONTACT POINT IS MR. P.V. LARSEN, TELEGRAPH INSPECTOR, GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS. TEAM IS ALSO INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH MR. IB LONBERG, DEPUTY HEAD OF RADIO SECTION, P AND T.

6. FOR OSLO: CONTACT POINTS ARE MR. LAVRANS GRIMSTVET, CHIEF ENGINEER, HEAD OF RADIO TRANSMISSION OFFICE, OR MR. ARNE BOE, HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE, OR MR. THORMOD BOE, ALL OF THE NORWEGIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION.

7. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AND PROPOSE FULL-DAY MEETING WITH U.S. TEAM TO DISCUSS 1979 WARC.

B. DETERMINE WHAT SPECIFIC ISSUES FOREIGN OFFICIALS WISH TO DISCUSS.

C. ARRANGE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS (THREE SINGLES WITH BATH) IN MODERATELY PRICED, CONVENIENT HOTEL FOR THE PERIOD

SEPTEMBER 4-6 (THREE NIGHTS) IN COPENHAGEN AND
SEPTEMBER 7-8 (TWO NIGHTS) IN OSLO.

D. ADVISE RESULTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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